

Canoe Instructor for Adults (Level II)

Volunteer Position Description

When you see the whole, your part makes sense.

As a Canoe Instructor for Adults (Level II), you'll teach adults how to safely lead canoeing activities with girls. You'll help adults learn paddling skills, practice teamwork, stay safe on the water—and have a great time doing it! You'll also teach them how to pass those skills on to girls in fun, age-appropriate ways. This is a great role if you love being outside, helping others, and making Girl Scout camp experiences even better.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!

As a Canoe Instructor for Adults (Level II), you'll be supported by the Volunteer Leadership Development Coordinator, the Volunteer Support & Services Team, and trained outdoor volunteers like the GSNEO OWLs. Staff from the Girl Experience and Customer Care teams are also here to help.

Know your role. Rock your role.

Here are some of the awesome things you'll do as a Canoe Instructor for Adults (Level II):

- Check and clean all equipment before and after each event
- Report any broken or unsafe equipment to the staff
- Teach adults how to use canoe equipment safely
- Create a fun and positive environment for girls, volunteers, and families
- Share feedback and help improve the program each year
- Help with the yearly canoe gear inventory
- Stay in touch with volunteers and staff before each event
- Turn in program rosters, reports, and feedback forms after every program
- Follow all Girl Scout safety rules

Grow your skills, grow your future.

Being a Canoe Instructor for Adults (Level II) helps you grow, too! You'll build skills like:

- Planning and leading group activities
- Staying organized
- Speaking in front of others
- Managing time
- Leading a group
- Solving problems
- Building confidence and fun on the water
- Being flexible and thinking on your feet

Great work starts with clear expectations.

- **Follow the Rules:** Comply with GSUSA Policies, Standards and Guidelines, Volunteer Essentials, Safety Activity Checkpoints, GSNEO Bylaws, and GSNEO Volunteer Policies.
- **Membership & Safety:** Be a current GSUSA member and pass the volunteer screening process, to help keep girls and volunteers safe.
- **Communication:** Volunteers in this role need to be able to send and receive messages through email, text, or social media and agree to receive emails and texts from GSNEO and GSUSA.
- **Renewal:** This role is reviewed every 3 years and can be renewed if both the volunteer and council staff agree.
- **Time Expectations:** Occasional commitment: Teach at least two Small Craft Water Safety Training course each year
- **Required Training:** Complete required Basic Leadership Training: Girl Scouting 101, Welcome to Girl Scouts, Program Volunteer Training, current First Aid/CPR, and Canoe Program training.
- **Recommended Training:** GSNEO leadership development courses
- By taking this volunteer position with Girl Scouts of North East Ohio, I promise to follow the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I will keep all Girl Scouts information about members, volunteers, and staff private and respectful.